Punjab Budget 2025–26: By CMMaryam Nawaz PMLN

Introduction

The Punjab government presented its eagerlyawaited fiscal budget for 2025-26 on June 16, 2025. Designed with a progressive outlook. The budgetseeks to maintain financial conditions while prioritizing developmental goals. With majorpreference on education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, and public sector reforms. It highlights government's dedication to inclusive growth, economic strength, and modernization.

Who Presented the Budget?

The budget was presented by the Provincial FinanceMinister in the Punjab Assembly Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman, keeping in mind the vision of Chief MinisterMaryam Nawaz's administration. Backed by a blendof public service enhancement and strategicinvestments. The speech outlined bothachievements of the past year and bold plans for theupcoming fiscal cycle. With a total outlay exceedingRs. 5,335 billion. This year's budget demonstrates arobust governance strategyfocused on servicedelivery, transparency and digital transformation.

Purpose and Vision of the Budget 2025–26

The central theme of the <u>Punjab GovernmentBudget 2025-26</u> revolves around economic resilience, poverty reduction and modernizing public services. The key objectives include:

- 1. Enhancing human development throughincreased funding for health and education.
- 2. Economic revival and job creation via industrialand agricultural support programs.
- 3. Fostering digital transformation to modernize public sector governance.
- 4. Targeted social safety programs for the mostvulnerable populations.

The budget's purpose is not only to meet immediate developmental needs but to lay thefoundation for long-term prosperity by aligning provincial efforts with Sustainable DevelopmentGoals (SDGs).

Major Benefits and Sector-Wise Allocations

The Punjab Budget 2025-26 outlines several flagship programs and development schemes. Below is a sector wise breakdown of the major allocations and benefits:

1. Education – [Rs. 494 Billion]

- Establishment of 661 new schools and upgradation of existing ones.
- Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) allocated Rs. 24.4 billion.
- Digital classrooms, smart boards, and skills training for students.

2. Health – [Rs. 399 Billion]

- Revamping of 1026 BHUs and 191 RHCs.
- Rs. 2 billion allocated to CM Dialysis Program and Rs. 4.3 billion to CM Child Heart Surgery Program.